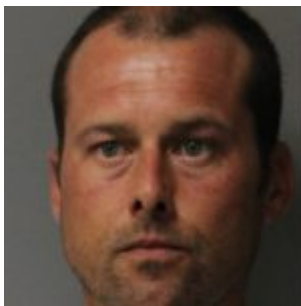
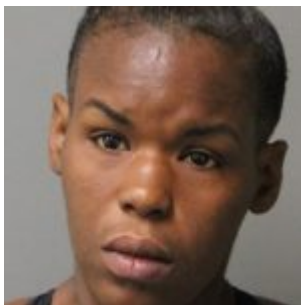


Troopers Arrest Pair for Multiple Burglaries – Frankford

Frankford – The Delaware State Police have arrested 35 year old Andrew T. Benson of Bishopville, MD and 30 year old Tonsha McCray of Frankford in connection with multiple burglaries that occurred over the last week.



Andrew Benson



Tonsha McCray

Between Monday, May 20th and Friday, May 24th, Troopers investigated a total of four burglaries that took place at residences on Roxana Rd. and Jones Rd. in Frankford. In each of the incidents the suspects gained access to various structures on the residential properties to include sheds, barns and trailers, before fleeing with assorted property.

During the course of the investigation detectives were able to develop a green GMC pick-up with Maryland tags as a suspect vehicle in the burglaries. Through further investigation they were able to positively link Benson and McCray to the vehicle.

On Friday, May 24 at approximately 2:00 p.m., Troopers received information that a green pick-up truck matching the suspect vehicle description and that was occupied by two subjects matching the descriptions of Benson and McCray, was in the 35000 block of Pepper Rd. in Frankford. Troopers were able to locate the vehicle which was occupied by Benson and McCray and took them in to custody without incident. Both subjects were then transported to Troop 4 for further investigation. The subsequent follow-up investigation confirmed the pair's involvement in the burglaries and also determined that some of the stolen property was unlawfully pawned. It was also determined that at the time of one of the burglaries, Benson was accompanied by McCray's six year old son.

Warrants were obtained charging each subject with the following:

Andrew T. Benson

- Burglary 3rd Degree (4 counts)
- Theft (3 counts)
- Conspiracy 3rd Degree
- Conspiracy 2nd Degree (3 counts)
- Theft by False Pretense
- Falsifying Business Records
- Selling Stolen Property
- Attempt to Commit Theft
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Tonsha McCray

- Burglary 3rd Degree (3 counts)
- Conspiracy 2nd Degree (3 counts)
- Conspiracy 3rd Degree
- Theft (2 counts)

- Theft by False Pretense
- Falsifying Business Records
- Selling Stolen Property
- Attempt to Commit Theft
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Endangering the Welfare of a Child

Both subjects were arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #2 and then committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on secured bail.

The investigation is ongoing and if anyone with information regarding these incidents is asked to contact Det. T. Powell at Troop 4 by calling 302-752-3807.

Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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